

**WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT**  
**SUPERFUND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BRANCH (6SF-E)**  
**January 11, 2017**

**CAMP MINDEN:** A meeting was held on January 10, 2017 with the Louisiana Military Department (LMD) and LDEQ to discuss the L2 cleanup which will be discussed at the next public workshop and Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting on January 23. The total amount of M6 destroyed to date is 11,281,508 pounds, equating to 70.5%. The next quarterly emissions testing is scheduled to begin the week of January 23, 2017 and the Comprehensive Performance Test (CPT) Approval was sent to LMD on January 11. **(Crossland, x2721)**

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL- EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE:**

On January 12, 2017 representatives from the Emergency Management Branch will participate in a meeting with community organizations regarding fenceline community collaboration and preparation in emergency planning. **(Crossland, x2721)**

**ELMO CHLORINE RELEASE, ELMO, TX:** The Kaufman County Emergency Manager notified the National Response Center (NRC) that there was a slow chlorine release at the Elmo Water Tower. The release was from a 150 lb chlorine cylinder. 7 nearby homes were under a voluntary evacuation. Most of the residents evacuated. EPA provided air monitoring support to the County to assist with evacuation decisions. The incident was resolved when the chlorine distributor placed the leaking cylinder in another container to secure the release. **(Crossland x2721)**

**AMARILLO PHOSPHINE INCIDENT, AMARILLO, TX:** Four people died and one remains hospitalized after a resident used a “restricted” fumigate underneath their home. EPA and TCEQ emergency response teams are assisting the local government within Unified Command. The EPA Region 6 Multi Media Division’s pesticide program is assisting the Texas Department of Agriculture who has the lead for the investigation. **(Crossland x2721)**

**MESILLA MERCURY SPILL, MESILLA, NM:** The EPA was notified by ATSDR that a mercury spill had occurred at a resident's home in Mesilla, NM. EPA contacted the resident, and the resident informed EPA that a small mercury spill had occurred, and that they had conducted a cleanup themselves, however, they were unable to verify if the cleanup was adequate. A 16-ounce bottle of mercury was involved. EPA contractors conducted an assessment verifying that mercury still existed within the home and subsequently completed a cleanup of the mercury. **(Crossland x2721)**

**BROKEN ARROW MERCURY SPILL, BROKEN ARROW, OK:** After conducting an assessment at a residential property, ODEQ requested EPA assistance with a mercury spill. EPA has response contractors actively assessing and cleaning up spilled mercury found within the home. The cleanup is expected to be completed by 1/13/17. **(Crossland x2721)**

**CUMBY LEAD EXPOSURE, CUMBY, TX:** EPA was notified by ATSDR about a child with extremely high lead blood levels in Cumby, TX. It is believed that the exposure is linked to a family business that makes lead fishing lures in a building also located on the property. EPA, TCEQ and Texas Department of Health (TDH) are actively engaged. The TDH has been to the property and collected soil and indoor swipe samples. Sample results found lead concentrations that would explain the elevated lead blood levels in the child. TCEQ conducted an assessment outside the home on January 4, 2017 to determine the extent of contamination. Based on results of that sampling, it appears that the contamination is localized and TCEQ has taken the lead on subsequent follow-up outside of the home. TDH will address the conditions within the home and the people exposed. EPA has provided documents from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) on best practices related to the prevention of lead exposures to residents to TCEQ and TDH that can be shared with the residents. Multi Media and Superfund Divisions will continue to monitor the situation. **(Crossland x2721)**